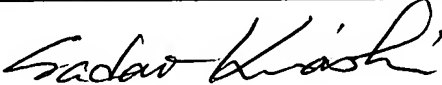


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: July 19, 2004
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPL. NO. (if known): 107501720
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP03/00353	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: JANUARY 17, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: JANUARY 18, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR FORMING Re-Cr ALLOY FILM OR Re-Based FILM THROUGH ELECTROPLATING PROCESS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Toshio NARITA, Shigenari HAYASHI, Takayuki YOSHIOKA, Hiroshi YAKUWA and Michiaki SOUMA		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>XX</u> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <u> </u> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <u>XX</u> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (17) indicated below. 4. <u>XX</u> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <u>XX</u> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u> </u> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <u>XX</u> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <u> </u> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. <u>XX</u> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>XX</u> is attached hereto. b. <u> </u> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <u>XX</u> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u> </u> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <u> </u> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <u> </u> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <u>XX</u> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <u> </u> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <u> </u> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <u> </u> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 		
ITEMS 11. TO 16. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <u>XX</u> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report, PTO-1449 and 4 references. 12. <u> </u> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ASSIGNEES NAMES AND ADDRESSES: <u>(1) JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, Kawaguchi-shi,</u> <u>(2) EBARA CORPORATION, Tokyo, Japan; and (3) SAPPORO ELECTROPLATING INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.,</u> <u>Sapporo-shi, Japan</u> Please publish the assignee data with the application. 13. <u>XX</u> FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. <u> </u> A substitute specification. 15. <u> </u> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. <u>XX</u> Other items or information: 4 sheets of drawings. 		

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<p>a. <u>XX</u> A check in the amount of \$1,786.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. (\$920.00 for basic filing fee; \$360.00 for 20 additional claims; \$86.00 for 1 additional independent claim; \$290.00 for multiple dependent claims and \$130.00 for late filing of the declaration). (This paper is filed in triplicate)</p> <p>b. <u> </u> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2866 in the amount of \$<u> </u> to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)</p> <p>c. <u>XX</u> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.</p>		
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